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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS PORG PFOR US MU XF

SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: OMANGOV INITIATIVE ON STRAITS ISSUE

1. DURING FEBRUARY 21 DISCUSSION WITH MLOS CONCERNING MULTI-LATERAL ISSUES, FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY YUSUF AL ALAWI IDENTIFIED LOS AS SINGLE ITEM PRESENTLY BEFORE UN WARRANTING OMANI INITIATIVE. HE NOTED THAT OMANGOV AND USG POSITIONS DIFFER ON QUESTION OF STRAITS PASSAGE AND REITERATED THAT OMAN WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR INNOCENT PASSAGE FORMULA.

2. MLOS REVIEWED USG RATIONALE FOR FREE PASSAGE. AL ALAWI  
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COUNTERED WITH OMANGOV CONCERNS RELATING PRIMARILY TO POLLUTION

CONTROL AND NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY. HE REJECTED ARGUMENT THAT THESE MATTERS BETTER SHOULD BE TREATED UNDER OTHER PROVISOS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOS CONVENTION. MLOS OFFERED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION AT A SUBSEQUENT SESSION. AL ALAWI STATED THAT HE HAD READ ESSENTIALLY ALL MATERIALS PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED TO FONMIN BY EMBASSY BUT DID NOT FIND ARGUMENTS ON STRAITS PASSAGE CONVINCING.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF THIS PARTICULAR DISCUSSION, AL ALAWI REPORTED THAT HE WILL PARTICIPATE IN NEXT LOS SESSIONS (N.B. TO EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE, THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST GO AT THIS SUBJECT). ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL CONSIDER FURTHER APPROACHES TO ENSURE THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS USG POSITION.

4. COINCIDENTALLY, FEBRUARY 21 EDITION OF GOVERNMENT WEEKLY ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE OF RATHER LARGE AND HIGH-POWERED (BY OMANI STANDARDS) DELEGATION WHICH WILL VISIT GULF STATES (WITH EXCEPTION OF IRAQ). STATED OBJECTIVE IS TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR OMANGOV POSITION ON INNOCENT PASSAGE. GROUP IS HEADED BY AHMAD AL JAMALI, OMANI AMBASSADOR TO PARIS AND FREQUENTLY A MEMBER OF OMANI DELEGATIONS TO PAST LOS MEETINGS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MISSION'S ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE DEVELOPED BASED ON ITS VISITS TO CAPITALS OF INFO ADDRESSEES.  
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